GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED MALPRACTICES IN IMMIGRATION OFFICES
Bose Shri Subrata

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received any complaints about ongoing alleged malpractices in the Immigration Clearance Offices all over the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the CBI and the Central vigilance Department have done any on- the-spot verification and enquiry at the Immigration Offices particularly at Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi in Kerala.

(d) If so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(e) The steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the pending applications;

(f) Whether the Government plans to exclude the SSLC Pass Certificate holders from the head of Emergency Check Required ; and

(g) If so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (e): There have been CBI raids in some offices of Protector of Emigrants

(PoE) including Thiruvananthapuram. The cases are at various stages of investigation. Various measures to streamline the emigration process to make it simple and transparent, including amendments to the Emigration Act 1983, are underway.

(f) & (g): Yes, Sir. The proposal is under consideration.